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1. A meeting of the Communist Strategic Materials Committee was held in Calcutta, India, in early May 1951.¹ The Committee, composed of Communist representatives from China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Burma, Thailand and India, is directed by the Chinese Communist Ambassador to Indonesia, WANG Jen-shu; the Chinese Communist Ambassador to Burma, YAO Chung-ming; and the head of the Asiatic Affairs Section of the Chinese Communist Ministry of Foreign Affairs, SHEN Jui-hsien.²
2. The committee decides future military movements in Southeast Asia and the question of resources. The committee plans that strategic materials needed by China and Vietnam are to be obtained from India through the exchange of food supplies.

25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Communist China has recently sponsored efforts to improve its economic position with its neighbors. [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] a group of Chinese Communist Purchasing agents are currently in India; a Pan Asiatic News Alliance, Hong Kong, states that seventeen Peiping Government Trade officials arrived in Hong Kong 1 June en route to New Delhi to strengthen the Chinese Trade Agency.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED]
25X1 one CH'IAO Kuan-hua is head (or acting head) of the Asian Affairs Department. However, as of August 1950, [REDACTED]
25X1 SHEN Jui-hsien as the Director, Asian Affairs Office.

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